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SUBJ: JOINT STATEMENT OF BASIC GUIDELINES FOR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS
ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS (SALT TWO - 1375)

THE FOLLOWING UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF JOINT STATEMENT
OF "PRINCIPLES" WAS TABLED BY THE SOVIETS IN DRAFTING GROUP MEETING
ON AUGUST 29, 1977:

JOINT STATEMENT
OF BASIC GUIDELINES FOR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS
ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS
THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA,
HAVING CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC
OFFENSIVE ARMS,
REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF STRATEGIC STABILITY FOR
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY,
CONVINCED THAT EARLY AGREEMENT ON THE FURTHER LIMITATION AND
FURTHER REDUCTION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS WOULD SERVE THE
PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING UNIVERSAL PEACE AND WOULD REDUCE THE
DANGER OF AN OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR,
HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:
FIRST. THE SIDES SOLEMNLY REAFFIRM THEIR INTENTION TO PURSUE
NEGOTIATIONS IN GOOD FAITH ON FURTHER MEASURES FOR LIMITING AND
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REDUCING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE
OF EQUALITY AND EQUAL SECURITY.
SECOND. THE SIDES WILL CONTINUE ACTIVE JOINT EFFORTS IN THE
INTERESTS OF FURTHER STRENGTHENING STRATEGIC STABILITY IN
FURTHERANCE OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE
LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS OF -----, 1977 AND

OTHER USSR-US AGREEMENTS ON LIMITATION AND REDUCTION OF STRATEGIC ARMS.

THIRD. PROCEEDING FROM THESE OBJECTIVES THE SIDES WILL SEEK AGREEMENT ALONG THE FOLLOWING BASIC GUIDELINES:

(A) FURTHER LIMITATION AND REDUCTION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, WITH ACCOUNT BEING TAKEN OF ALL FACTORS DETERMINING THE STRATEGIC SITUATION, INCLUDING SUCH FACTORS

AS DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHY OF THE SIDES, THE EXISTENCE OF FORWARD BASED NUCLEAR SYSTEMS, THE EXISTENCE OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON US NATO ALLIES;

(B) RADICAL SOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF FORWARD-BASED NUCLEAR SYSTEMS AND CARRIER-BASED AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF THE TERRITORY OF THE USSR;

(C) FURTHER MEASURES FOR QUALITATIVE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS , INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF THE PROHIBITION OF NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF SUCH ARMS AND OF AGREED LIMITATIONS ON MODERNIZATION OF EXISTING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS;

(D) SOLUTION OF THE QUESTIONS INCLUDED IN THE PROTOCOL TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS OF -----, 1977;

(E) SOLUTION OF OTHER POSSIBLE QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO ENSURING STRATEGIC STABILITY AND EQUAL SECURITY OF THE SIDES.
FORTH. FURTHER LIMITATIONS AND REDUCTIONS OF STRATEGIC SECRET

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OFFENSIVE ARMS MUST BE SUBJECT TO ADEQUATE VERIFICATION BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS.

FIFTH. THE SIDES WILL CONSIDER FURTHER MEASURES TO REDUCE THE DANGER OF AN OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR AND WILL CONCLUDE AGREEMENTS IN THIS FIELD WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
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